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TAX ON PETROLEUM AND OTHER FUELS

Section: 296A.07 Gasoline tax

Subdivision 1: Tax imposed. There is imposed an excise tax on gasoline, gasoline blended with ethanol, and agricultural alcohol gasoline used in producing and generating power for propelling motor vehicles used on the public highways of this state. The tax is imposed on the first licensed distributor who received the product in Minnesota. For purposes of this section, gasoline is defined in section 296A.01, subdivisions 10, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 32, and 34. The tax is payable at the time and in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The tax is payable at the rates specified in subdivision 3, subject to the exceptions and reductions specified in section 296A.17.

Subdivision 2: Tax imposed for marine use. Subject to the provisions of section 296A.16, subdivision 2, there is imposed an excise tax, at the same rate per gallon as the gasoline excise tax, on all marine gasoline received, sold, stored, or withdrawn from storage in this state. This tax is payable at the times, in the manner, and by persons specified in this chapter.

Subdivision 3: Rate of tax. The gasoline excise tax is imposed at the following rates:

- (1) E85 is taxed at the rate of 14.2 cents per gallon;**
- (2) M85 is taxed at the rate of 11.4 cents per gallon; and**
- (3) All other gasoline is taxed at the rate of 20 cents per gallon.**

Subdivision 4: Exemptions. The provisions of subdivision 1 do not apply to gasoline purchased by: (1) a transit system or transit provider receiving financial assistance or reimbursement under section 174.24, 256B.0625, subdivision 17, or 473.384; or (2) an ambulance service licensed under chapter 144E.

NOTE – Other Minnesota state excise taxes:

- LPG (propane) is taxed at the rate of 15 cents per gallon;
- CNG (compressed natural gas) is taxed at the rate of \$0.001739 per cubic foot; and
- LNG (liquefied natural gas) is taxed at the rate of 12 cents per gallon

The three fuels above are allowed an *evaporation and loss allowance* of 1% of total excise tax.